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## READING ACTIVITY CALENDAR



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> It's April Fools' Day. Make a book with your favorite jokes and share it with friends.	<b>2</b> Today is International Children's Book Day. Read a book about another country.	<b>3</b> April is National Volunteer Month. Find out if your local library needs help.	<b>4</b> On your way to school, write down five words to describe the weather outside.	<b>5</b> Write a note to your favorite teacher about how much you appreciate him or her.	<b>6</b> Learn about the sonnet — a type of poem that is 14 lines long. Try to write one.
	<b>7</b> Check out a wordless book from the library. Use the illustrations to write your own story.	<b>8</b> Write a review of your favorite food. Share it with your friends.	<b>9</b> Have a poetry night with your family. Ask everyone to read aloud two of their favorite poems.	<b>10</b> Today is Encourage a Young Writer Day. Help a younger sibling or friend write a story.	<b>11</b> Read a graphic novel, such as <i>Babymouse</i> or <i>Johnny Boo</i> .	<b>12</b> Happy Birthday, Beverly Cleary! Read <i>Ramona Quimby, Age 8</i> .	<b>13</b> Log onto RIF.org/kids and visit the activities section.
	<b>14</b> Read for 20 minutes today.	<b>15</b> The Titanic sank on this day in 1912. Read more about this famous disaster.	<b>16</b> Write a story about your favorite animal.	<b>17</b> Did you know that there's a town in North Carolina called Toast? Research other unusual town names.	<b>18</b> Research the saying, "April showers bring May flowers." Is it true?	<b>19</b> Make up your own tongue twister.	<b>20</b> Jack Prelutsky was the first Children's Poet Laureate. Read his collection of poems, <i>The New Kid on the Block</i> .
	<b>21</b> Do some research on stars. What are they? Why do they twinkle?	<b>22</b> Celebrate Earth Day. Read about what you can do to help the environment.	<b>23</b> Try eating something new, like a cherimoya or a kumquat. Write about its taste, texture, and smell.	<b>24</b> Where does the word "April" come from? Look it up.	<b>25</b> Look up the Greek alphabet. Try writing your name using Greek letters.	<b>26</b> Tomorrow is Tell a Story Day. Tell your parents a story about a funny thing that happened at school.	<b>27</b> Read a <i>Madeline</i> book in honor of Ludwig Bemelmans' birthday today.
	<b>28</b> Write a story about what the world will be like in 100 years.	<b>29</b> How many books did you read this month? Write a list and share it with your friends.	<b>30</b> Celebrate El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day) by reading Pat Mora's <i>Book Fiesta!</i>				

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